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(SBU) Per reftels, Poloff contacted Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of International Organizations Ambassador Secudo concerning a possible Nigerian candidate for the chairmanship of the 2009 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty PrepCom. Ambassador Secudo confirmed that the Government of Nigeria does indeed plan to put forth a candidate, but at this time was unable to give further details as to the identity of the individual. He said the GON hopes to have reached a decision by late May/early June and will inform foreign missions accordingly through formal channels. SANDERS